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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

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Committees

RESUMED FIFTH COMMITTEE 65th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a report of the Secretary-General on the outline of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (A/54/127).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/53/7/Add.15) on the question.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Iceland and Norway), Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States and Egypt.

The Chief of the Economic, Social and Human Rights Service of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts replied to a question posed.

After a proposal by the Chairman and statements by the United States and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the outline of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (A/54/127) and of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon (A/53/7/Add.15).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-third session appear in PART II (English/French) of the present issue of the Journal (No. 1999/132 (PART II)).

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement and drew the attention of the Committee to a letter addressed to him from the President of the General Assembly transmitting a letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions (A/C.5/53/64) and also to a letter addressed to him from the Acting President of the General Assembly transmitting a letter from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations (A/C.5/53/65).

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Iceland and Norway), Georgia, Azerbaijan, India, Chile, Mexico, Brazil, Australia, the United States, Pakistan, Ukraine and Cuba.

66th meeting

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The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Following a suspension of the meeting, the Chairman of the Committee introduced two oral draft resolutions regarding the issues under consideration in documents A/C.5/53/64 and A/C.5/53/65, which would subsequently be issued as documents A/C.5/53/L.77 and A/C.5/53/L.78.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolutions which would be subsequently issued as documents A/C.5/53/L.77 and A/C.5/53/L.78.

Following the adoption of the draft resolutions statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico, the Russian Federation, Cuba, Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Chile, the Republic of Korea, Georgia, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Pakistan and India.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Other matters

The representatives of Cuba and Uganda made statements regarding the working methods of the Fifth Committee.

The Chairman made a statement and informed the Committee that its next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 20 July, in the morning to consider item 170 of the agenda on the Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.

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